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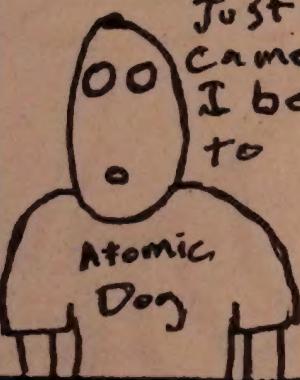
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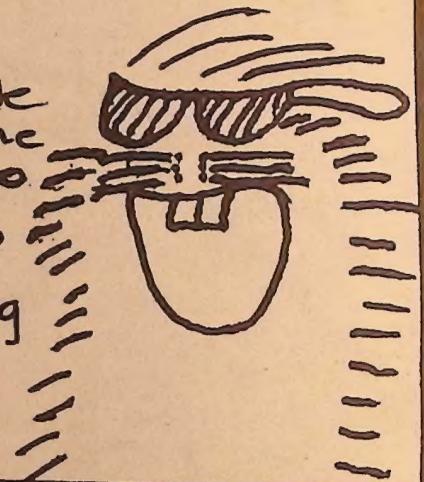
After last issue's threat  
fails to come through  
Wally Ponder's on mortality.

Whew that was close  
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Just as the eraser  
came in. I think  
I better go listen  
to some Morrissey



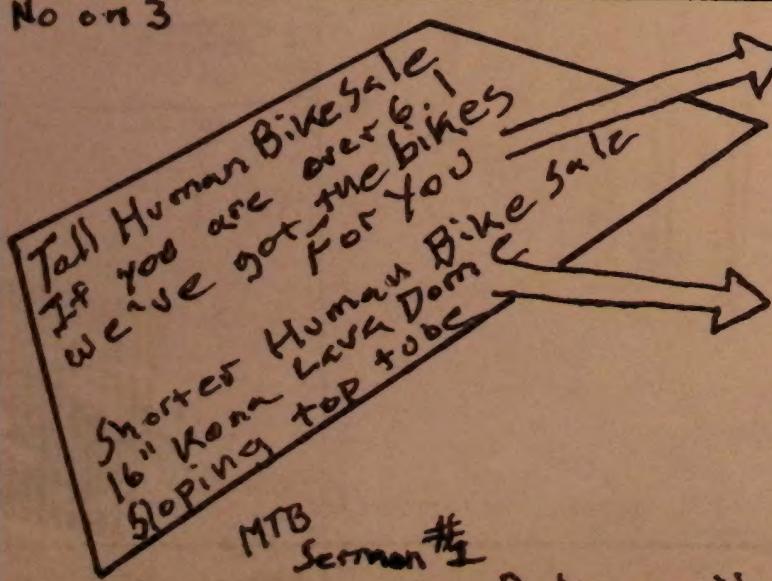
While Phil <sup>is</sup> the Groundhog  
wastes no time in  
getting to thoughts of  
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So what if people  
bought enough  
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They've gone too  
far. I'm talking  
to my lawyer  
the Rev. Ivan Stang



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It is a cycle that should come to a sudden stop but may come to a sudden end.

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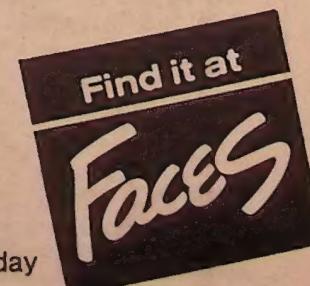
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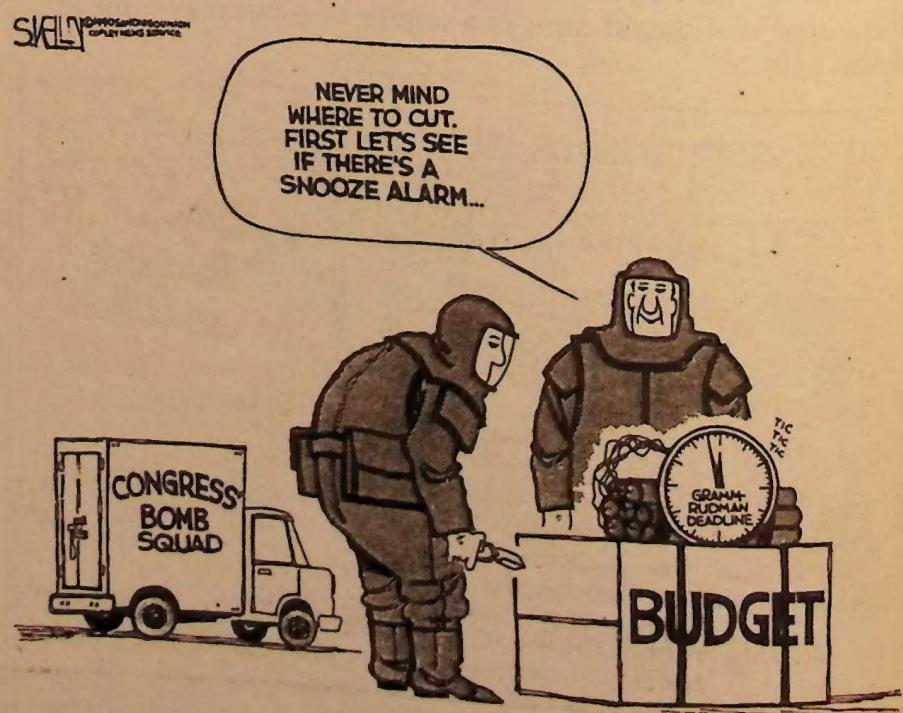
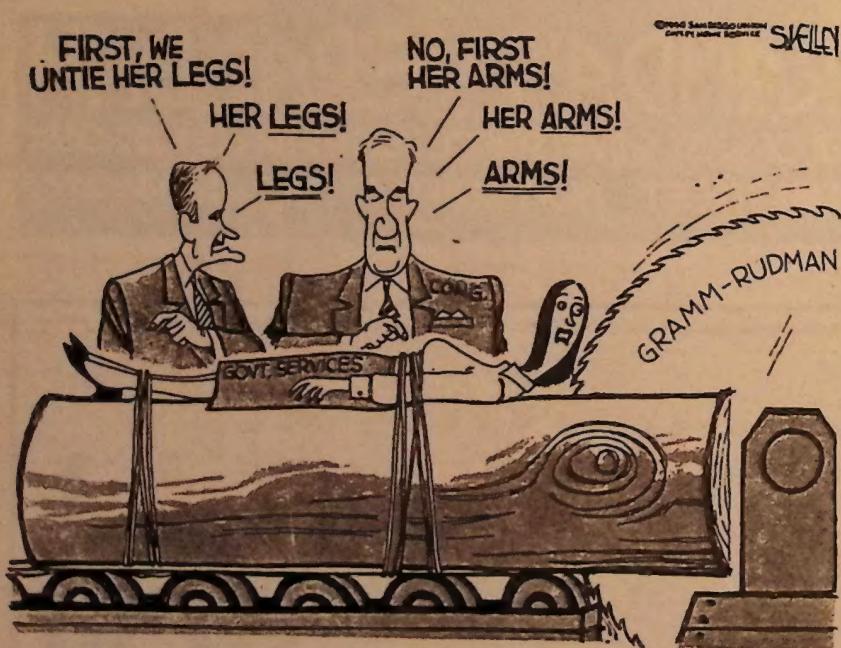
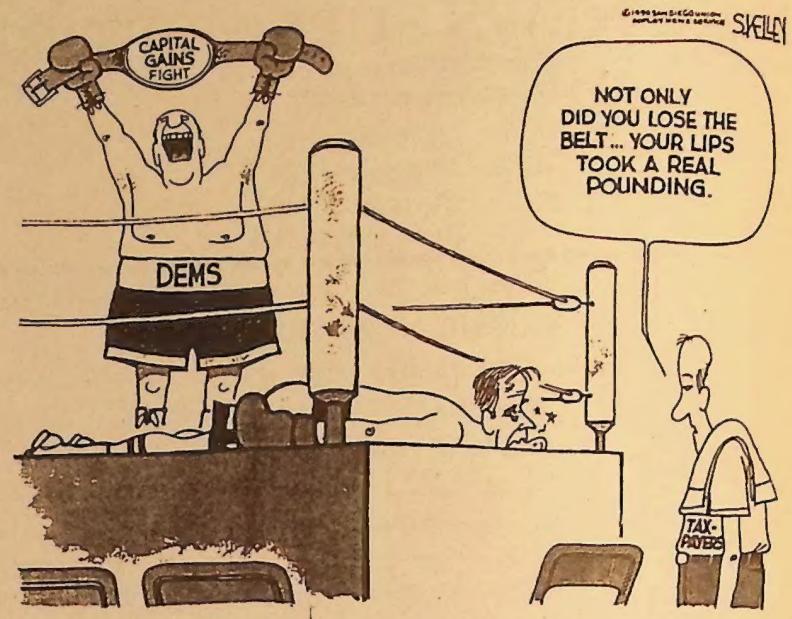
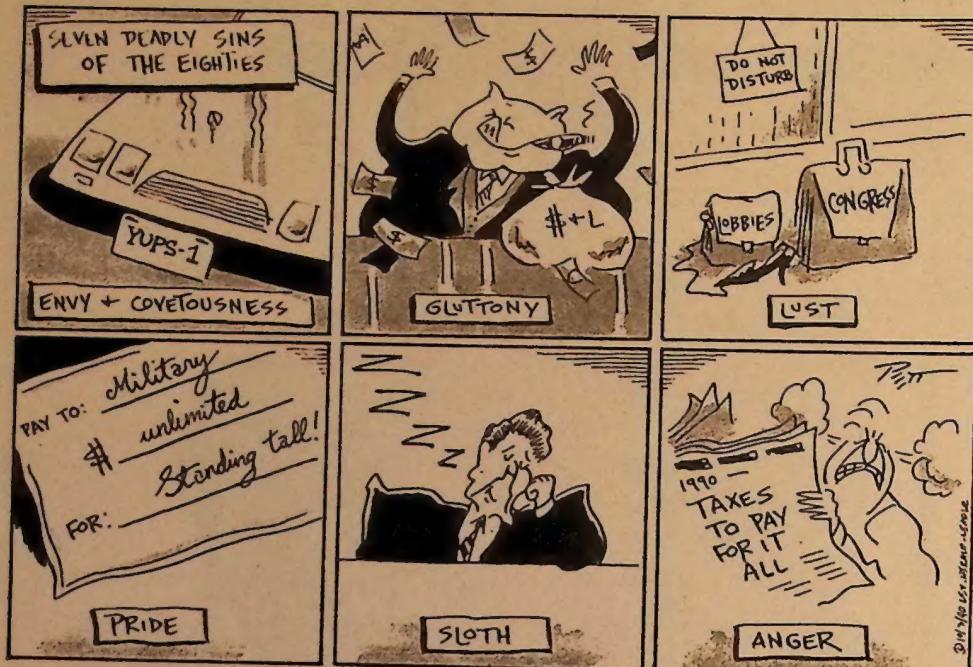
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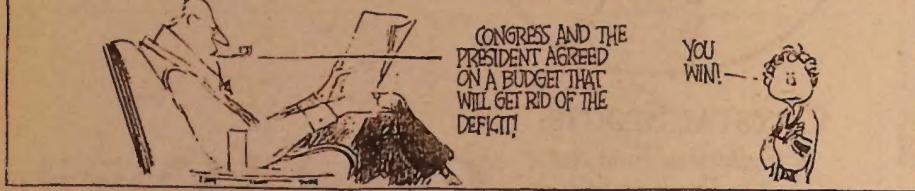
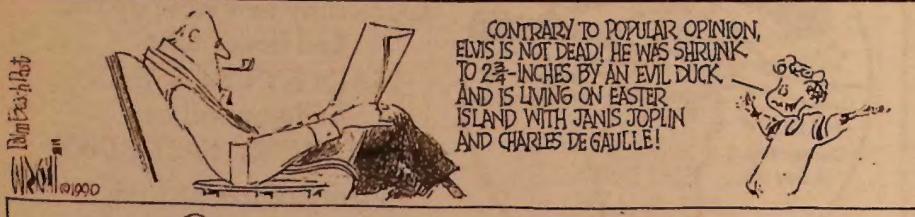
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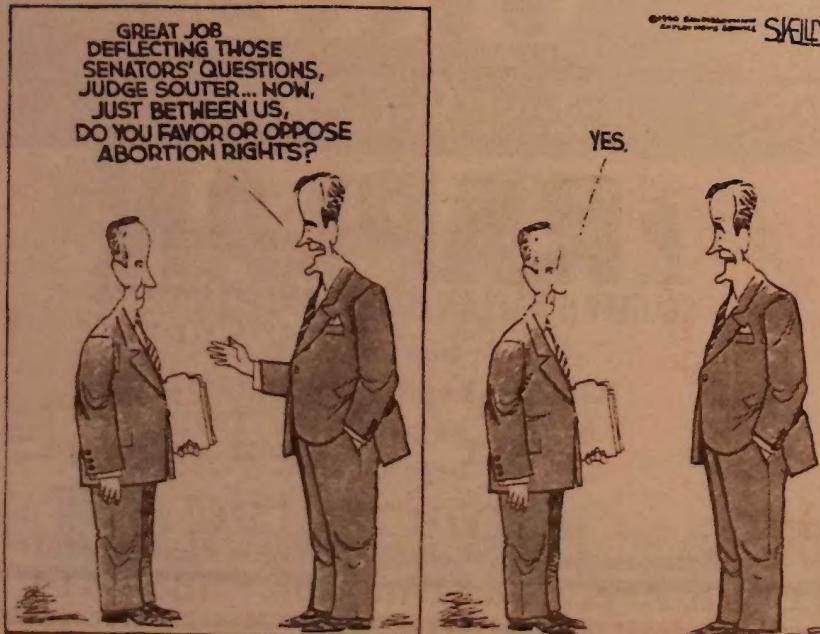
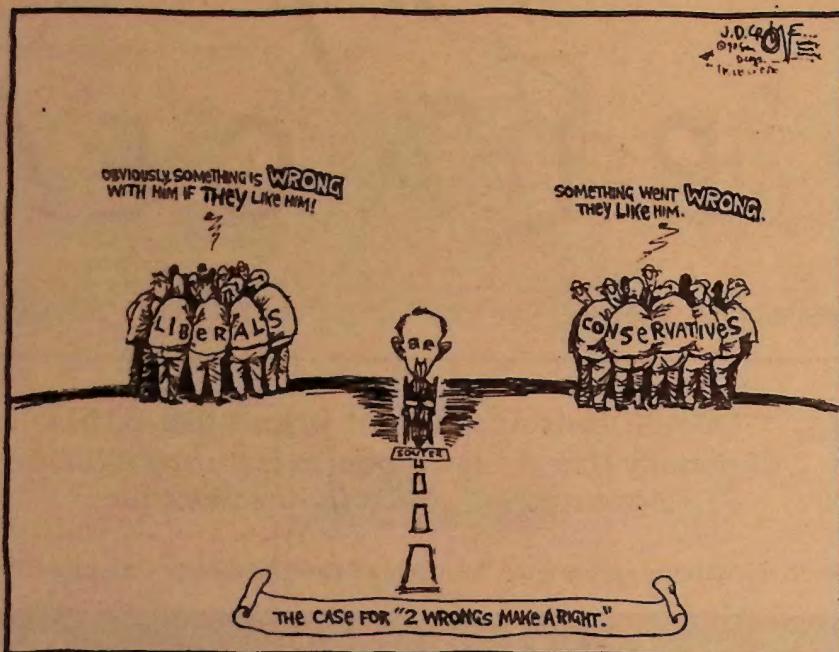
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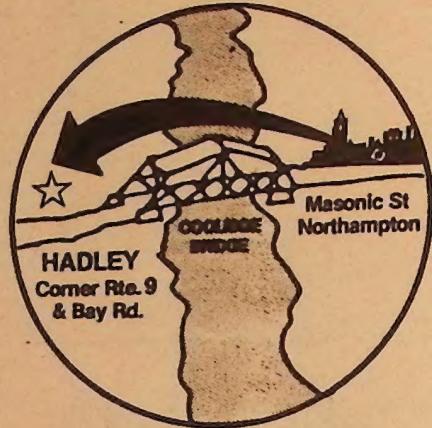
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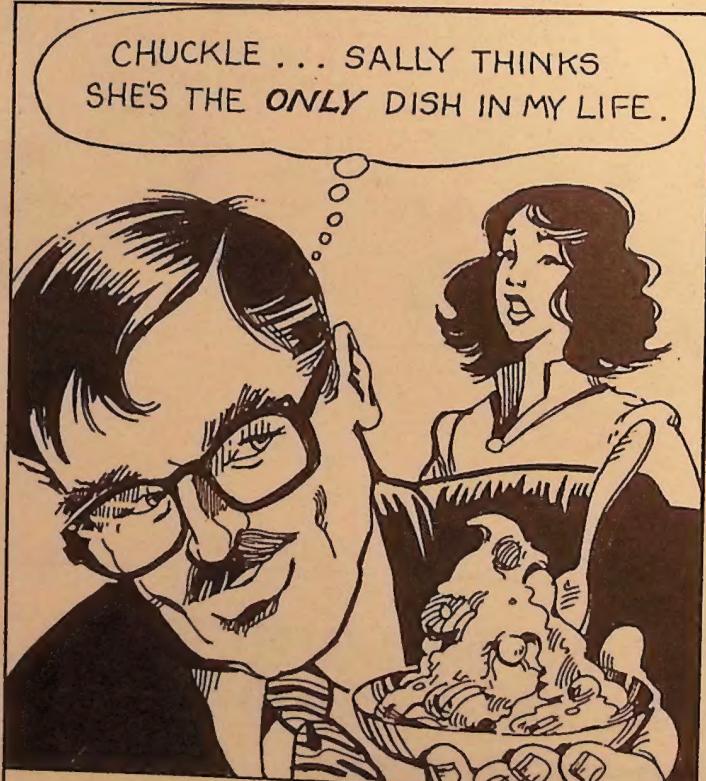
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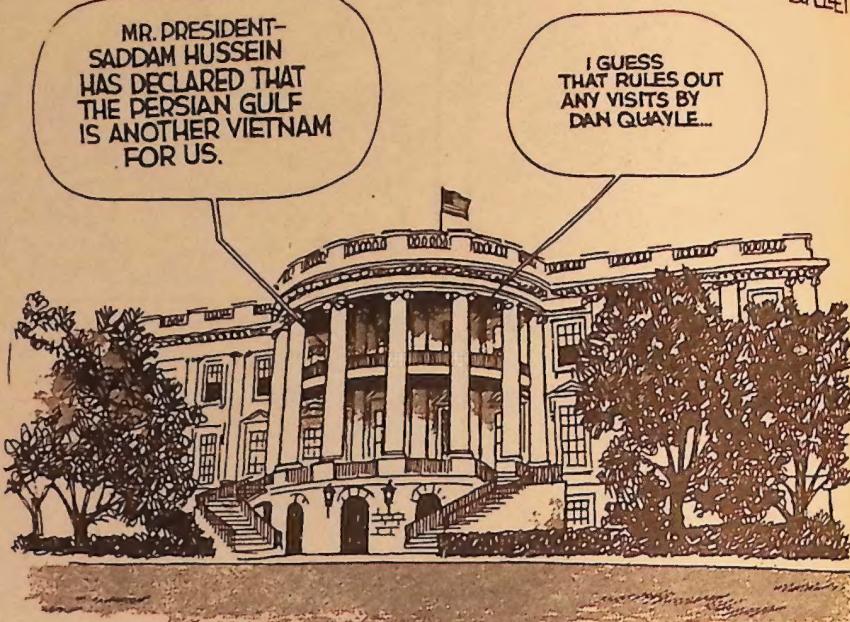
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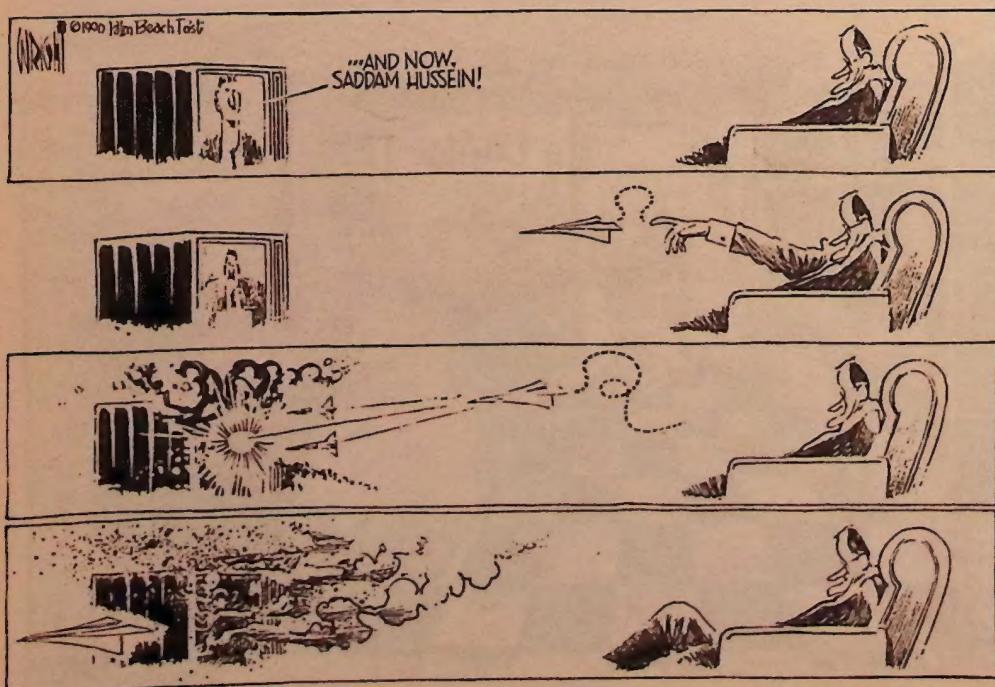
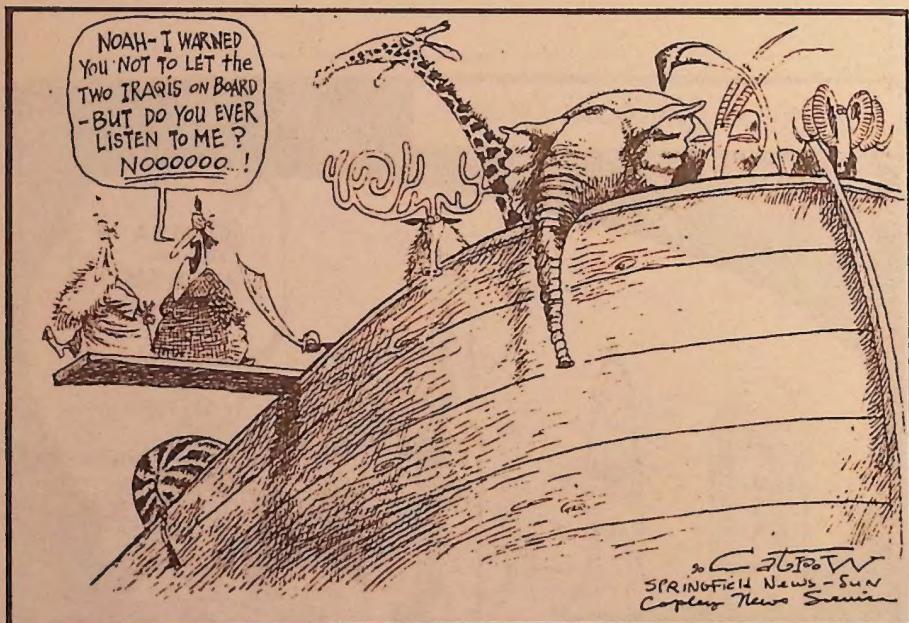
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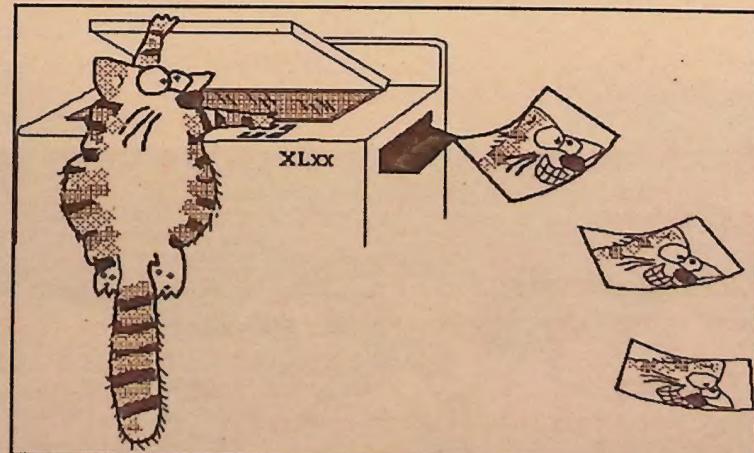
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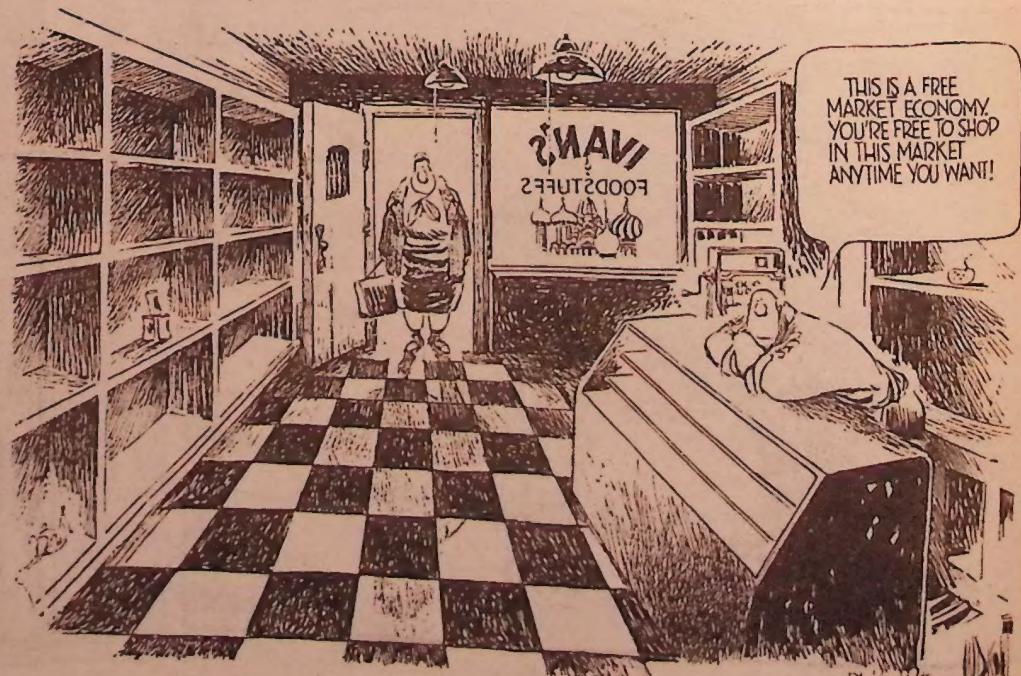
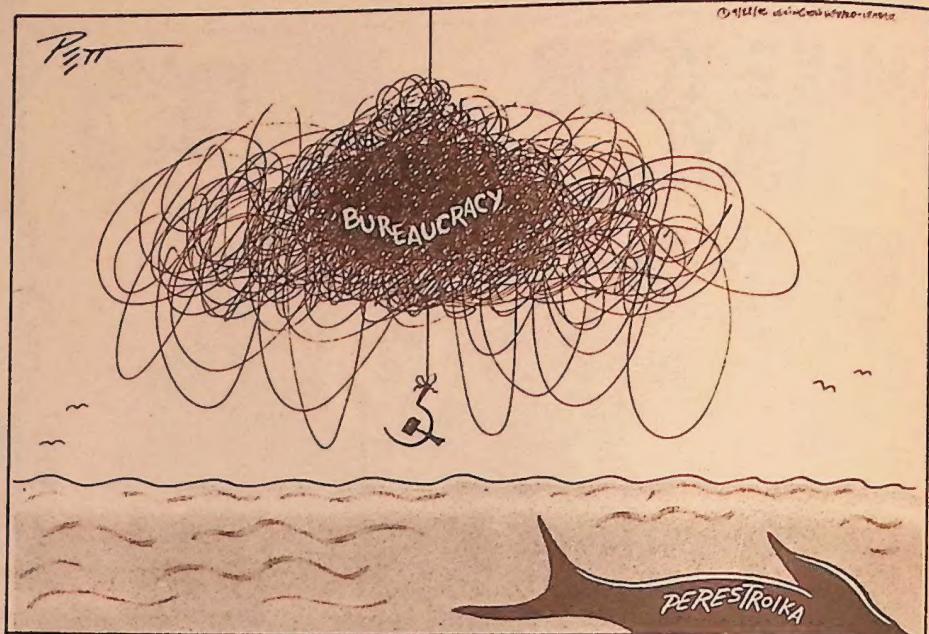


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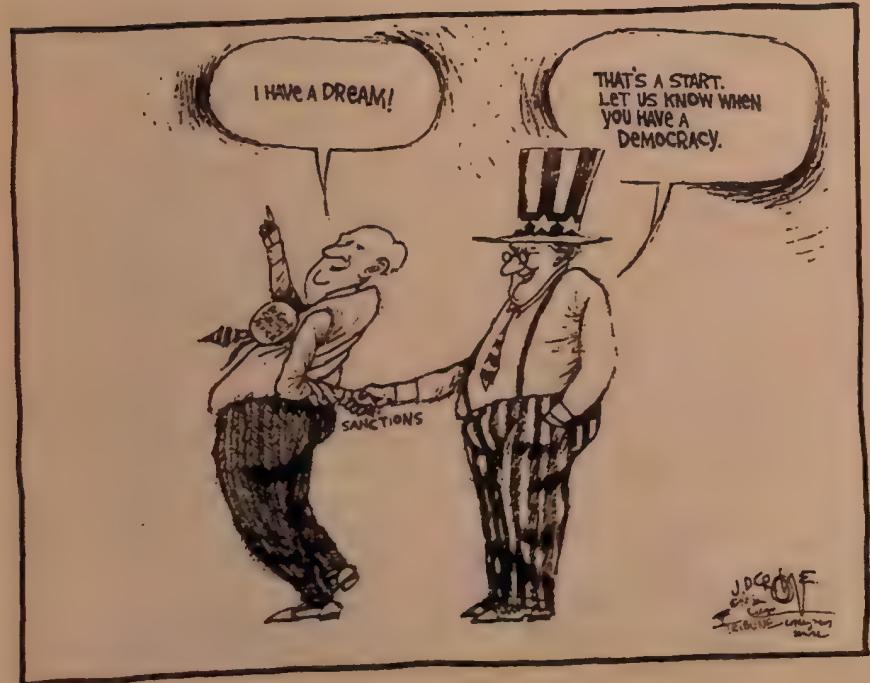
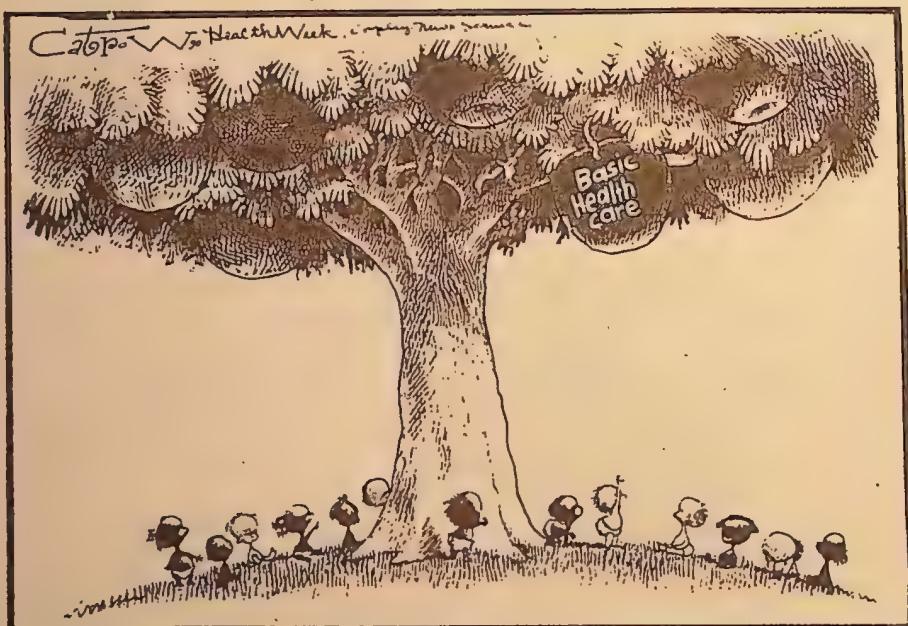
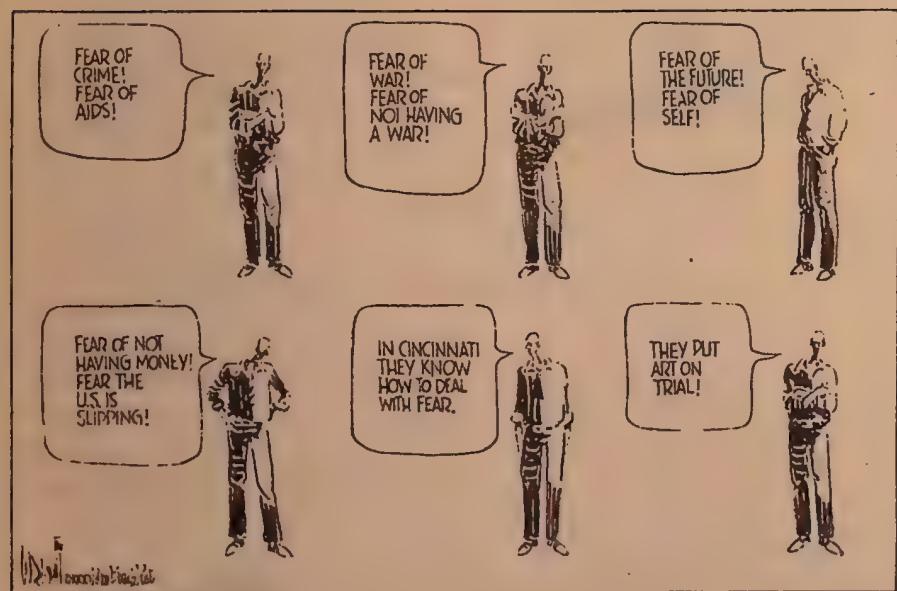
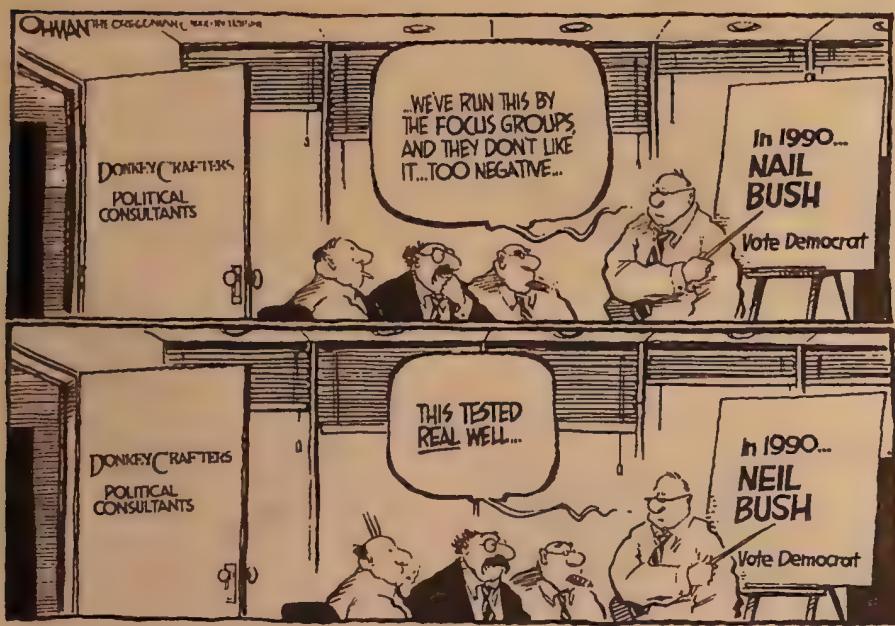
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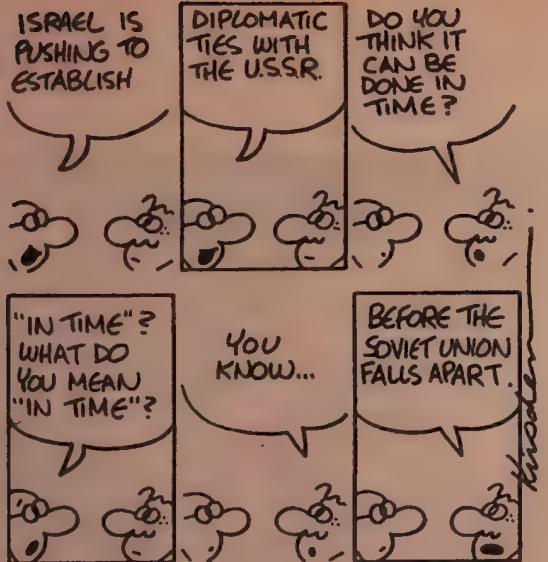
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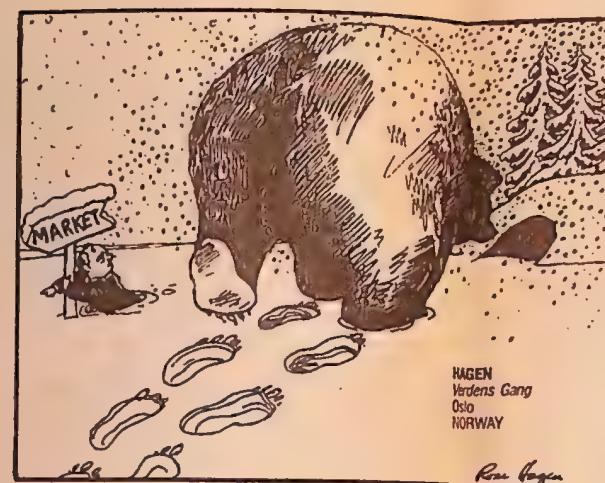


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Q. Every botanist knows a tomato is a fruit, so why did the U.S. Supreme Court in 1891 designate it as a vegetable?

A. Because there was a 10 percent duty on vegetables then, but not on fruit.

If when eating out in Australia you order "a bug," you'll get a tasty sort of lobster.

What! You've never smoked a cigarette 11 inches long? Such there were. Came out in 1930. Under the brand name "Head Play." Longest cigarettes ever sold in the United States.

That haircut called the Mohawk started with the Indians all right. But they didn't shave to get the effect. They plucked.

The body of many an ancient Greek was embalmed in honey, scholars say.

Shrimps that live in seaweed look like seaweed.

"ACTH" is an enzyme that relieves stress, but can shrink the thymus gland and inhibit the immune system, if allowed to build up in the body. Tears of grief capture any overdose of that enzyme and shed it. That's why people who can cry in sorrow are less likely to come down with ulcers, colitis, whatever. Women's bodies secrete more of that enzyme, which prompts them to cry more readily, that's been proven. But it makes them stronger, not weaker. So say the medicos.

Those state delegates who ratified the new U.S. Constitution were elected by only 4 percent of the population. The other 96 percent — slaves, women, unpropertied white males — were not eligible to vote.

It was Barry Goldwater who said peanut butter makes a tolerable shaving cream, but he didn't say how he found out.

Scientists report earth's water supply has neither increased nor diminished in the last three billion years.

Maybe you didn't know that Princess Di tap dances.

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Q. Lawmakers of England under Queen Victoria outlawed male homosexuality. Why not female homosexuality, too?

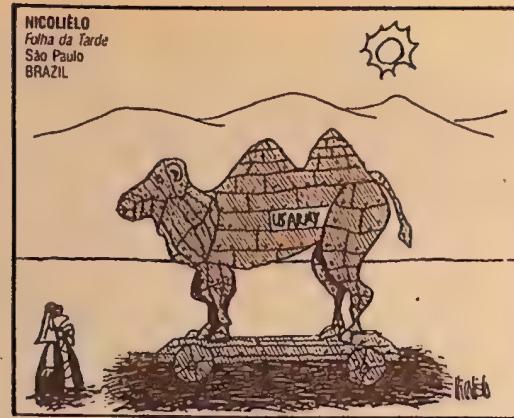
A. So unthinkable was that to Queen Victoria she struck out the phrasing that would have included females.

It's estimated a 50-year-old man who didn't too soon grow bald will have barbershaved away about 220 miles of hair.



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Q. What do football announcers mean when they talk about "The Heidi Game"?

A. It was 7 p.m., Nov. 7, 1968. The New York Jets lead the then-Oakland Raiders 32 to 19 with 1-minute-5-seconds to go. NBC switched off the game to start a previously scheduled film, "Heidi." The Raiders in the last 65 seconds scored two touchdowns to win 43 to 32.

Q. Can a school of piranha eat a crocodile?

A. Can. And do.

## FACTS

If you don't eat 80 pounds of tomatoes a year, you're messing up the statistical averages.

More trees are planted in Georgia every year than in any other state.

How do you want to be remembered? Sometimes when the camera shifts from the football field to the blimp in the sky, I wonder how Charles Goodyear wanted to be remembered. Sooner, probably. He was jailed repeatedly for nonpayment of debt, and he died broke and miserable.

What cockroaches really like is soap.

What Sigmund Freud liked to do most, I guess, was write letters. So far, researchers have turned up 880 people who got mail from him during the year before his death.

Q. Why does a woman tend to get a fraction of an inch shorter when she's pregnant?

A. Extra weight compresses her spinal column, that's all.

Q. What liquor gives off the strongest aroma?

A. Cognac, according to the experts.

Am told more gold was mined in 1989 in California's Tuolumne County than during the entire original Gold Rush.

The koala bear has two opposable thumbs on each hand. And still can't handle chopsticks.

Three out of five people who still smoke cigarettes were addicted by age 16, according to the medicos.

Report is the United States every year logs off more than twice as many trees as does Brazil.

Among the Iroquois, the men owned their own clothing, weapons and personal gear, but everything else belonged to the women. Like the house. Not surprised?

Said Alexander Hamilton: "Give all power to the many, and they will oppress the few. Give all power to the few, and they will oppress the many. Both therefore ought to have power, that each may defend itself against the other."

Tense situations drive dieters to eat more. So says a weight-loss specialist. This authority advises dieters to avoid scary movies, high-speed auto rides and evenings with the in-laws. Or the stressful equivalent.

Hang a piece of bread on a string over a rat, a muskrat and a beaver. The rat and muskrat will jump repeatedly to bite off little bits. The beaver will pause, then jump higher, and bite the string. Experiments prove this. Pretty smart, that beaver.

Before a beaver eats a lily pad — and it does a lot of that — it rolls it into a cigar shape and chomps away from end to end.

Environmentalists cite this: Early settlers logged off Cape Cod. Wind blew the topsoil off the land into the harbors. That ruined things both for farmers and sailors.

Writes a client: "I asked my husband what he thought about me getting a facelift. The next night he came home with a gift, an emerald pin, and a greeting card, reading: 'Age is like love; it cannot be hid.' — Shakespeare. 'I love you'"

Understand the three-banded armadillo can roll itself into a ball so perfect you could bowl a strike with it.

Q. In April of 1790, about 20,000 people got together in Philadelphia in America's largest public gathering to that date. Quick, what was the occasion?

A. Benjamin Franklin's funeral.

Traditionally, when two Nigerians meet, they clap hands.

Your own body, pound for pound, produces more heat than the sun.

John James Audubon ate robins. A few.

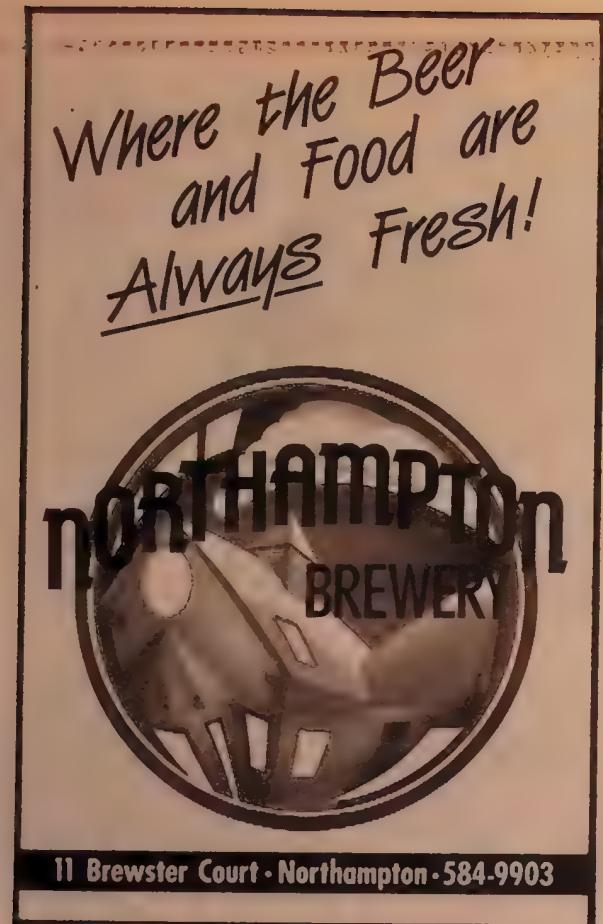
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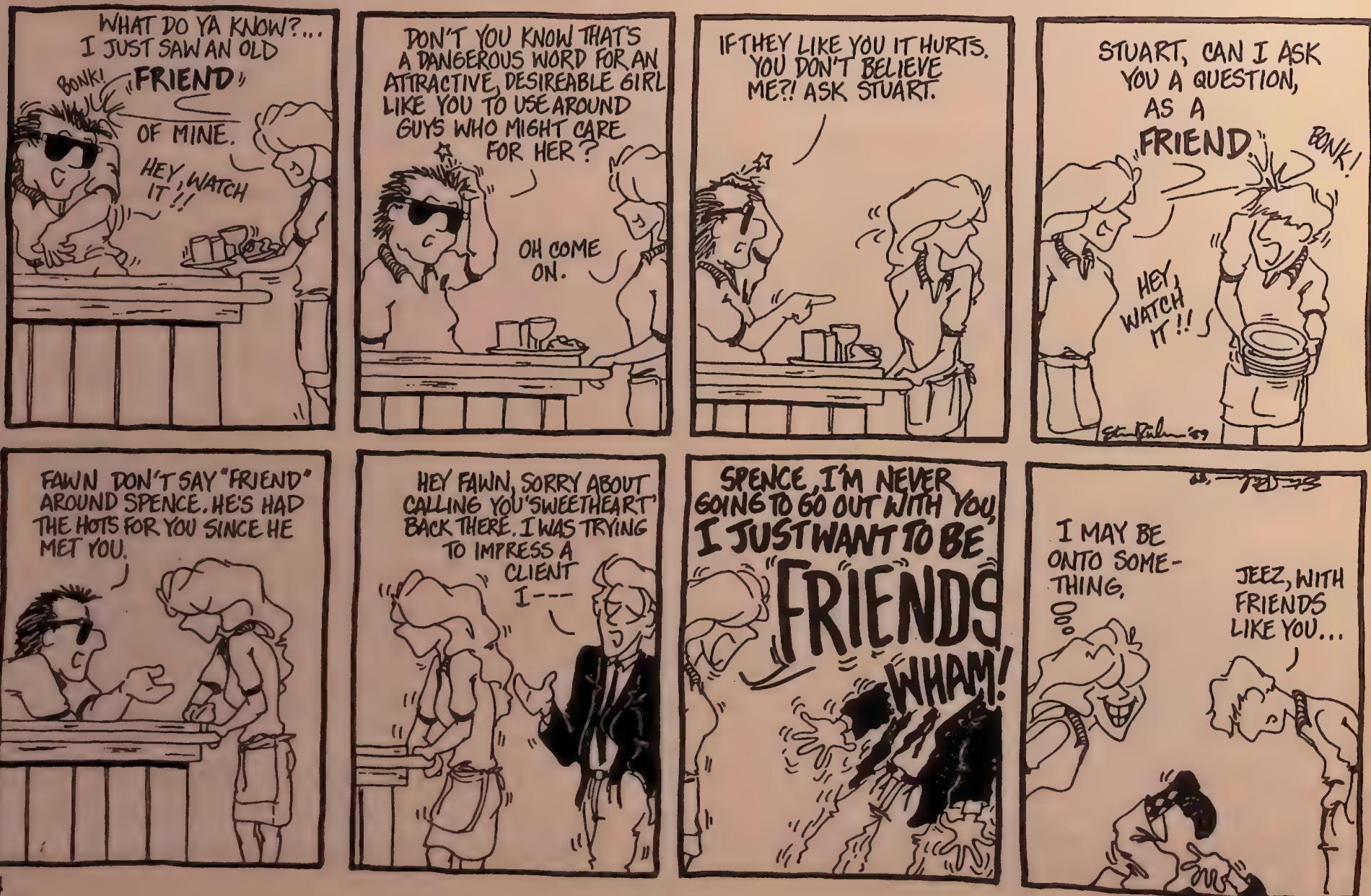
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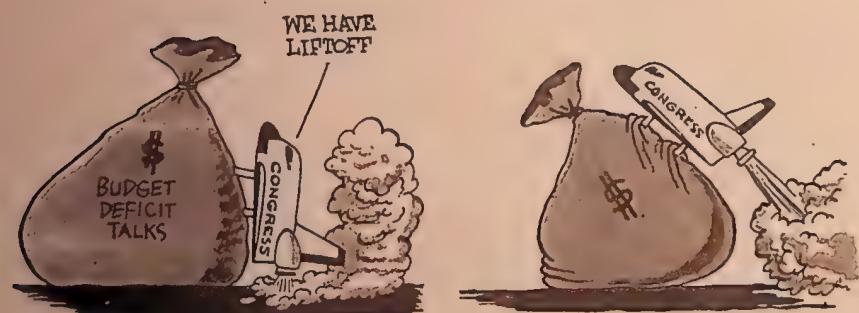
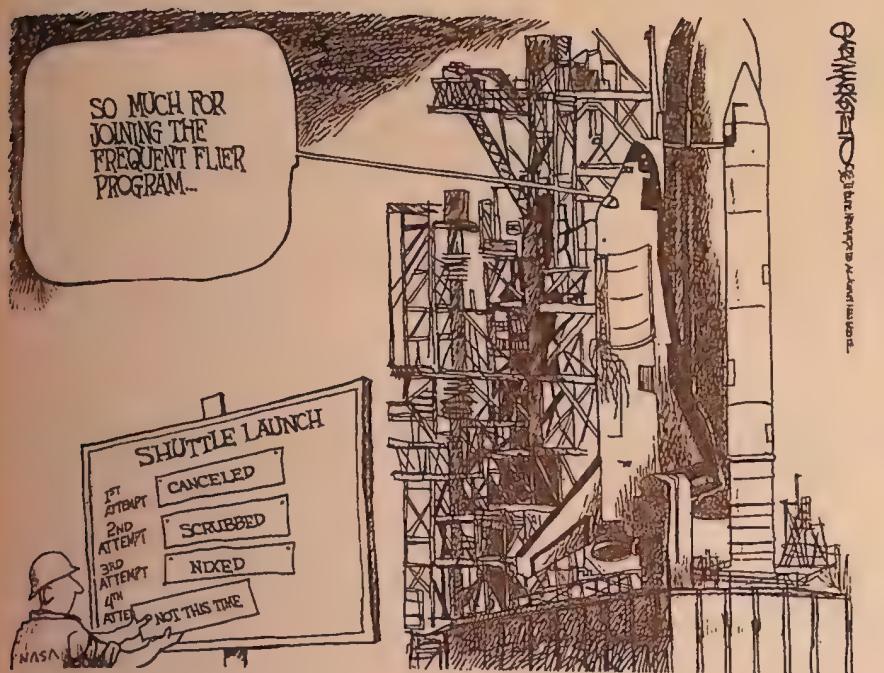
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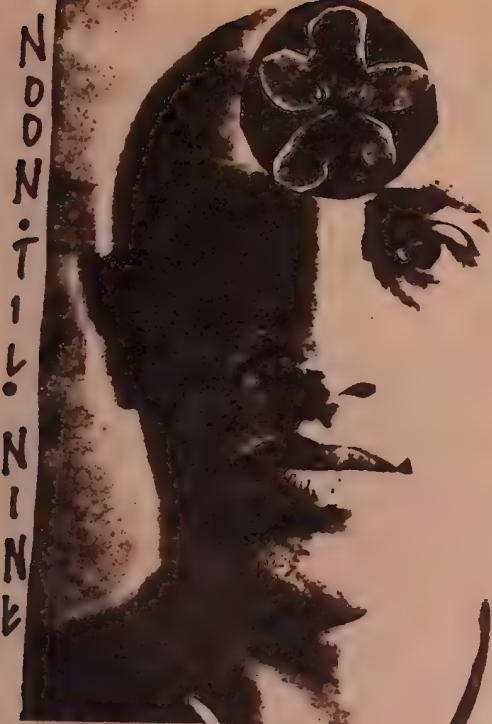
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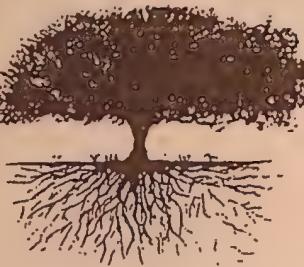
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### EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

#### Tropical Storms

 Typhoon Flo, the most powerful to strike Japan since 1971, killed at least 29 people during a rampage from remote Okinawa to northernmost Hokkaido Island. Landslides and floods triggered by torrential rain left a swath of damage in 39 prefectures, including the capital, Tokyo. Air and rail services were suspended due to the strong winds.

Radio Hanoi reported that typhoon Ed submerged roads and swept away large numbers of homes in the central Vietnam provinces of Thua Thien and Quang Tri. No specific casualty figures were given. Before reaching Vietnam, the storm lashed China's Hainan Island, where several typhoons earlier this summer have killed hundreds of people and destroyed most crops.

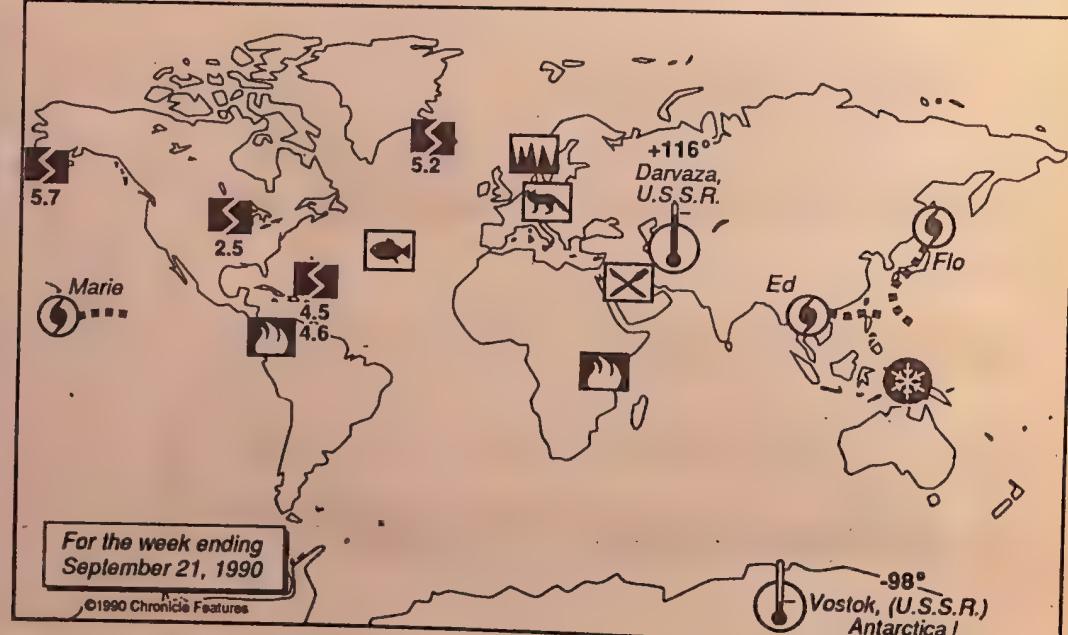
Hurricane Marie sent high surf pounding onto southern shores of the Hawaiian Islands as it passed well to the south of the Big Island.

#### Growing Glaciers

 Glaciers have begun to creep down mountains in Norway, growing larger, in an apparent contradiction to global warming predictions. But Professor Olav Orheim, head of the Antarctic Section at the Norwegian Polar Research Institute in Oslo, believes that greenhouse effect theories have largely ignored certain side effects of higher temperatures — such as more snow in some locations. "In western Norway, all small glaciers, which respond quickly to climate change, are now advancing."

#### Rabid Foxes

 The razing of the Berlin Wall, and the removal of snarling guard dogs that patrolled it, have resulted in an invasion of 37 rabid foxes into West Berlin. About 10 people have been bitten so far, according to Health Department spokesman Thomas-Peter Gallon. "The fall of the borders



with East Germany led not only to people moving freely, but foxes too," Gallon said. "Before, rabies had been virtually wiped out."

#### Tropical Snowstorm

 A sudden snowstorm killed 42 people as it struck eastern Indonesia's Jayawijaya mountain range. Many of the victims died in two remote villages from cold and hunger after their sweet potato crops rotted because of the snow.

#### Healthful Victim

 Fisheries experts told the U.S. Congress that growing demand for swordfish, a tasty seafood favored by the health-conscious, is decimating the species. William Fox, assistant administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said that "the resource is clearly overfished, and the situation has become significantly worse during the past five years." Protecting sword-

fish stocks is complicated because the species has a large migratory range, and is highly prized by both foreign and domestic fishermen.

#### Wildfires

 Fires devastated vast tracts of forest and scrubland in Tanzania and Kenyan national parks. One of the largest blazes destroyed thousands of acres of vegetation in southern Kenya's Tsavo National Park, where thousands of animals were seen fleeing the fire storm.

Five hundred firemen fought wildfires which ravaged about 2,000 acres of oak forest and threatened central Colombia's historic colonial town of Villa de Leyva.

#### Earthquakes

 Two moderate earthquakes shook the northeast Caribbean within minutes of each other from an epicenter between the Dominican Republic and Puerto

Rico. Earth movements were also felt in the Aleutian Islands, Iceland and eastern Oklahoma.

#### Zoo Food

 Iraqi soldiers have eaten nearly all of the edible species at the Kuwait City Zoo, according to London's World Society for the Protection of Animals. Spokesman Victor Watkins said that antelope and deer had topped the list of eaten animals, and some of the rarest species had been shipped to Baghdad. Forty zookeepers, mainly Asian immigrants, had worked at the complex before the invasion and annexation of Kuwait last month by Iraq. All fled the country, leaving the animals unattended. Watkins said the zoo housed 208 mammals, 493 birds and 34 reptiles, but now "they have no water, no food and they likely will be dying."

Additional Sources: U. S. Climate Analysis Center, U. S. Earthquake Information Center, and the World Meteorological Organization.

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**Earthquakes**

Two moderate quakes shook parts of six states in the midwestern U.S., causing no major damage but rattling the already sensitive nerves of residents along the New Madrid Fault. A scientist has made a controversial prediction that there is a 50 percent chance for a major quake about Dec. 3. Most seismic experts don't lend any support to the December prediction. During the winter of 1811-12, the fault produced the strongest quake in U.S. history — an estimated 8.0 tremor that changed the course of the mighty Mississippi River.

A 4.7 magnitude quake jolted the central South African city of Welkom and its goldfields, killing two miners and causing some surface damage.

Earth movements were also felt in northwestern Iran, central Japan, Beijing, and central California.

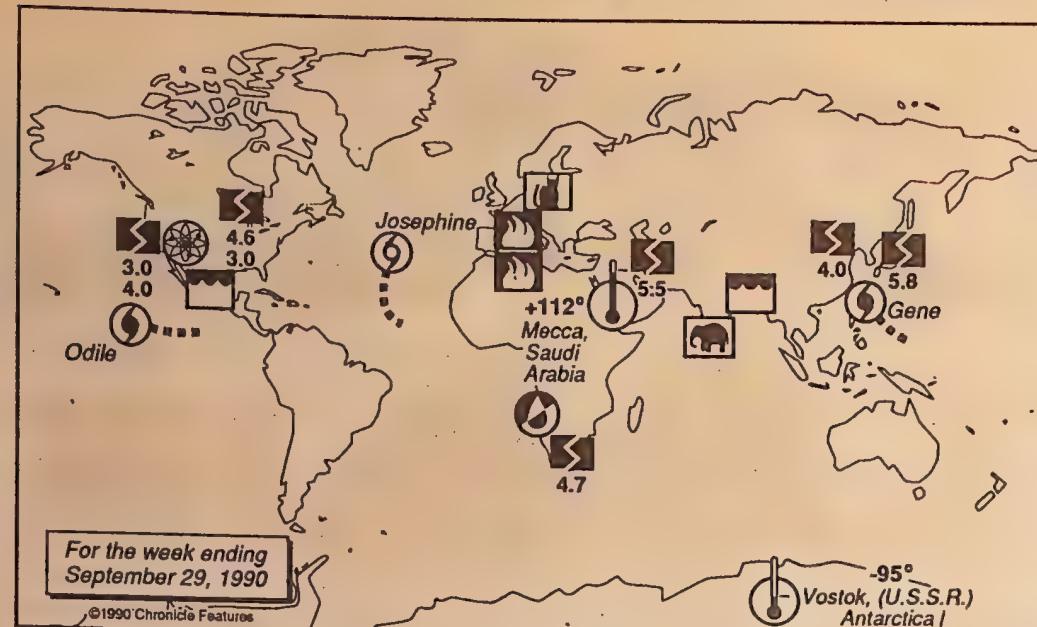
**Floods**

Flash flooding swept 45 people to their deaths near the normally arid Mexican city of Chihuahua. "It rains very little here," said Alfonso Sanchez Gallo, spokesman for the Chihuahua state governor's office. "Many humble people with scant resources build their homes in gulches and dry washes. That's why so many people, homes and vehicles were carried away."

The rain-swollen Jamuna River overflowed its banks in northwestern Bangladesh, stranding 300,000 people. Many were trapped on levees or on the roofs of their mud and straw huts.

**Drought and Famine**

The effects of an extended drought in Angola worsened, as its government yielded to international pressure and allowed emergency food shipments to cross its war-torn border with Namibia. Witnesses touring the region said some children were feeding on mice, while others subsisted on a



twice-weekly portion of cabbage soup. The United Nations estimates that 1.9 million people need emergency assistance, and 250,000 are faced with immediate starvation.

**Elephant Blockade**

A herd of elephants blocked a stretch of rail tracks in southern India for several hours after a passenger train knocked down and killed an elephant calf. Elephants roaming in nearby forests came rushing after they heard the calf's cries, then sat around its body on the tracks. After a futile 12-hour attempt to dislodge the animals, the crew took the train back to its origin, Mettappalaiyam, 1,162 miles south of New Delhi.

**Testing**

The United States conducted its fifth underground nuclear explosion of the year at the Nevada Test Site on September 20. The bomb, code-

named "Sundown", produced a 20 kiloton blast.

**Wildfires**

Forest fires raging around France's Ropex Mediterranean holiday resort destroyed more than 17,500 acres of woodland. Many foreign tourists had to sleep in their cars after being evacuated from villas and hotels. On the island of Corsica, 5,000 acres of scrub and pine forest were burned before fire fighters brought the blazes under control. Throughout southern France and northwestern Italy, this has been the worst summer for forest fires in 25 years.

Arson-set forest fires in eastern Algeria killed 11 people and destroyed more than 500 homes.

**Tropical Storms**

Typhoon Gene and Hurricane Odile churned opposite ends of the Pacific Ocean. Tropical storm Josephine

moved northward in the mid-Atlantic, far from any land areas.

**Holy Cats**

A pastor in Greiz, East Germany, who baptized cats to satisfy their owners' wishes, was suspended from his post by the Lutheran Church of Thuringia. Pastor Matthias Poehland had conducted the basic initiation rite of the Christian faith on Susi and Nico, two cats belonging to rest home pensioners. "Reconcile yourself with the animal which is within you, and you shall be healthy and whole," Poehland proclaimed to the cats during the ceremony. A spokesman for the Lutheran Church said that while animals were part of God's creation, the Bible makes it clear that only humans may be baptized.

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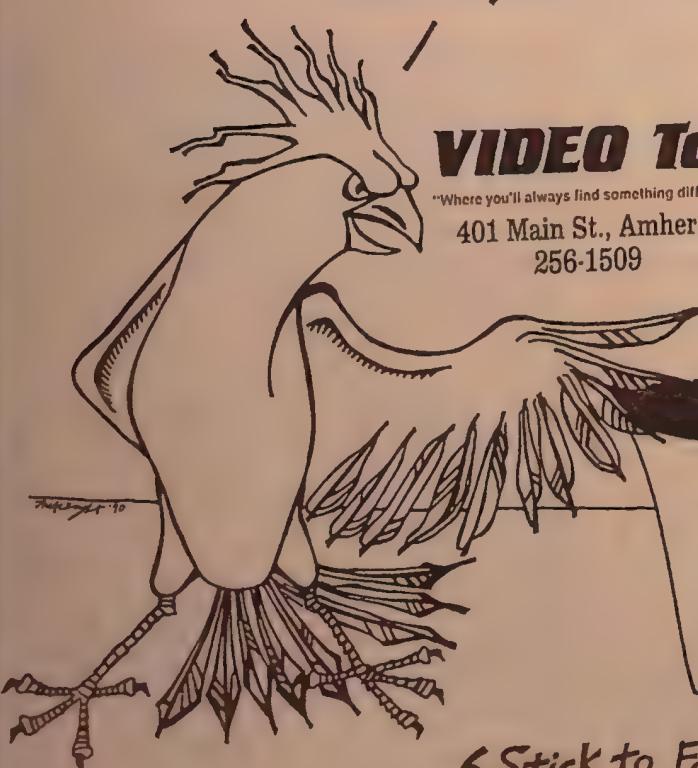
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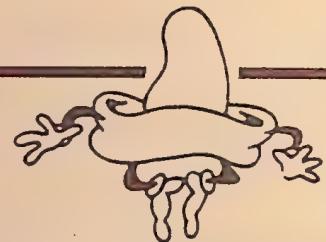
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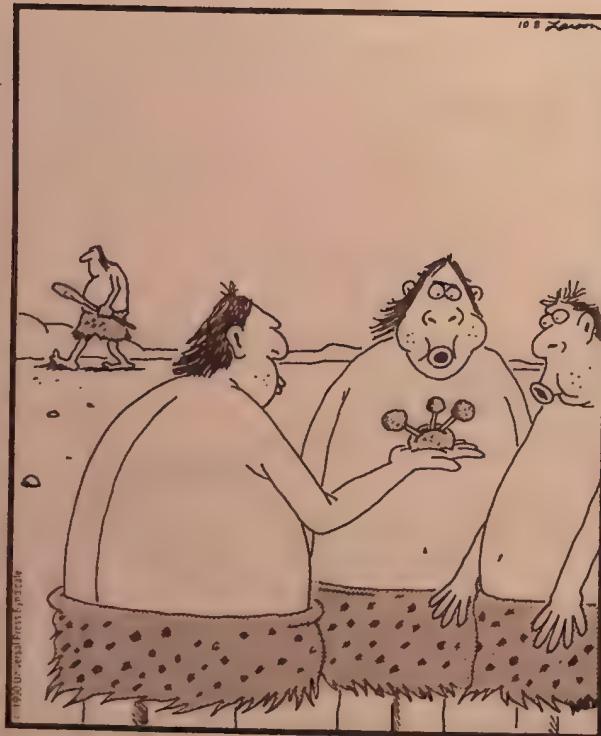


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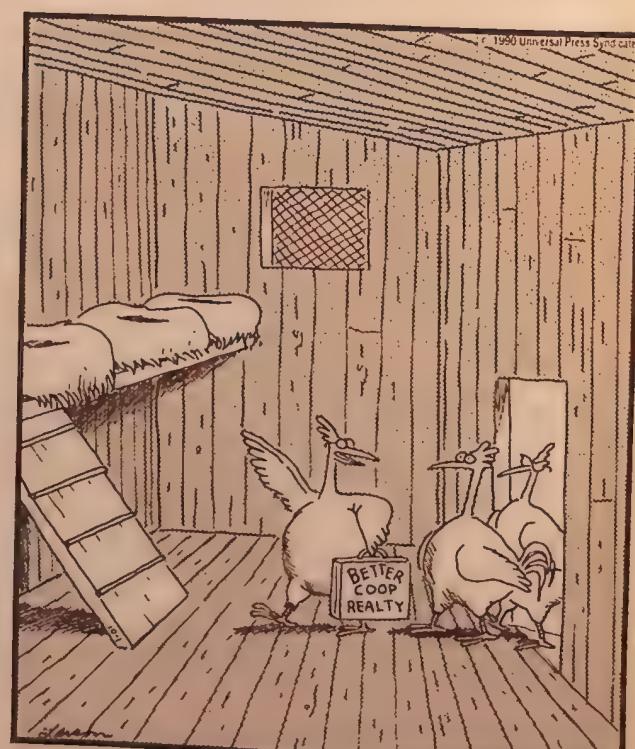
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Each time the click beetle righted itself, Kyle would flip it over again — until something went dreadfully wrong.



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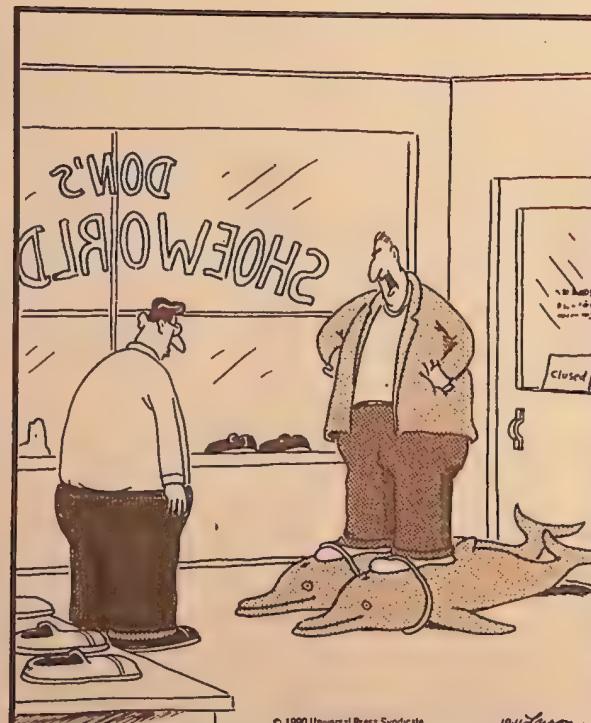
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"Step back, Loretta! ... It's a red-hot poker!"



"Well, they finally came . . . But before I go, let's see you roll over a couple of times."



"Listen — I bought these here yesterday, and the dang things won't stop squeaking!"



"For the hundredth time in as many days! . . . I haven't got a quarter!"



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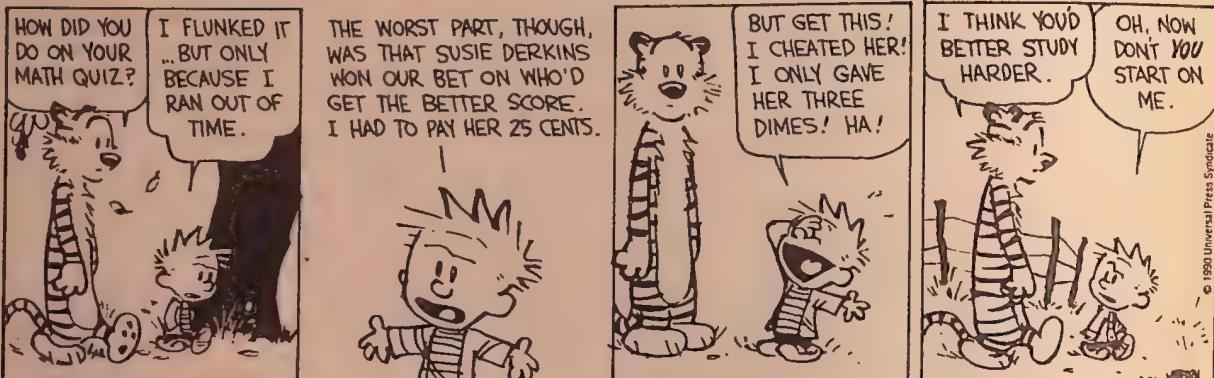
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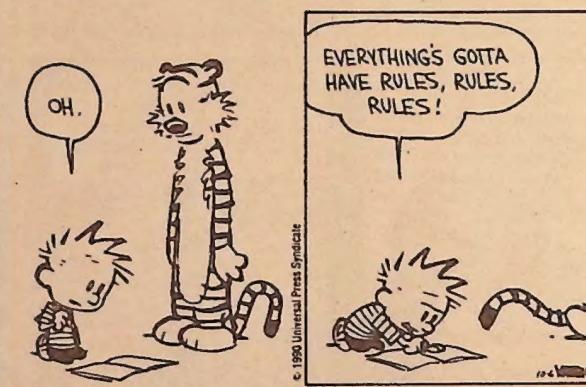
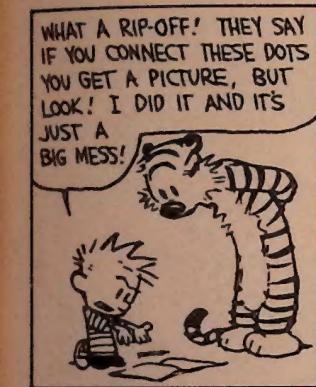


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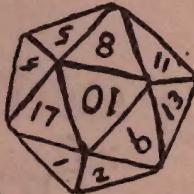
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